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SUPERCONDUCTING PARAMETERS OF A CHARGE DENSITY WAVE SUPERCONDUCTOR Lu₅Ir₄Si₁₀

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Recent studies on single crystals of tetragonal Lu₅Ir₄Si₁₀ ¹ have shown an unusual strong-coupling charge density wave transition (CDW) at 83 K. Appearance of X-ray super-lattice peaks below 83 K proves the formation of a periodic lattice deformation which confirms the CDW. We also find that this deformation persists down to 2 K. In this study we establish the occurrence of bulk superconductivity below 3.9 K in a single crystal of Lu₅Ir₄Si₁₀ via resistivity, ac susceptibility, dc magnetization and heat-capacity studies. Thus, both CDW and superconductivity coexist in this system below 3.9 K. The magnetic phase diagram of this superconductor will be constructed based on the temperature dependence of the upper and lower critical fields. In addition, estimates of the London penetration depth, and Ginzburg-Landu coherence length of this anisotropic superconductor will be given.

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